

White Horticultural Park Planning Workshop - July 21, 2005

Group Concept review and feedback

Group	Facilitator	Concept	Plus	Minus	Other Suggestions
1	Angie Allen	Concept 1	Least amount of parking	No restroom facility	Additional trails/paths- encourage people to stay on the paths
			Least amount of traffic generated	Things that will be lost - wildlife, standing	Stronger educational component, involve
			Least impact	barn can hold all equip. No need for additional	Place for volunteer groups- part of residence
			No restrooms		
			No picnicking		Favor option 1- least impact,
			Potential soothing space		most simplistic, preserves most trees
			Like adding benches to sit		
			Simplicity, highlights the beauty of the site		
			Least impact on trees		
			Minimal additions		
		Concept 2	Dual purpose of residence	Picnic tables	
			Restrooms	Interpretive area not needed	
			Perimeter path	component buses	
			Additional gardens/ hort. Resources	Orientation bldg	
			LIMITED educational programs	Not sure about added gardens	
				Increased traffic and parking	
		Concept 3			Not discussed- not viewed as an option
					Too intensely developed, increased traffic
					increased parking
2	Michael McDonnell	Concept 1	Relatively unchanged	No trails or directional/ informational	Combine some elements of other concepts
			Current charm and character remains	Not much "interest" for visitors	Slow down planning process
			"Galax" groundcovering maintain	Concept limits potential & future growth	
			On-site management to curtail "evening activities		
		Concept 2	Trail around perimeter	Take away some trees	Should have an educational element for nearby schools
			"New Garden"- if use as an evolving/ seasonal/ evolution of gardens	Picnic tables (introduces a new element)	Barn used for a purpose (restoration)
			Barn remains intact	Orientation bldg in present location -obstructs view	
				Additional/ new bldgs may destroy property & growth- changes the land.	
		Concept 3		Too many buildings	Expand visitor center for other uses i.e. water fountains, rest rooms

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				Full-time staff unnecessary	Should not be considered
				Too much in too small a space	Consensus is a combined effort on plan at
				Invite more traffic	
				Add element of "other" outdoor activities	
3	Jim Pomeroy/ Liz Crowell	Concept 1	Trees & wildlife preservation	No facilities	"Green" bathroom facilities
			Quiet, clean		
			Caretaker on site		
			Limited parking		
		Concept 2	Trail	Increased use	Little more structure
			Caretaker on site	More parking spaces	Public use space
			Herb gardens	More traffic	
				Some concerns about too many changes	
				Trash from picnic tables	
		Concept 3			
4	Cindy Brown	Concept 1	Simple	Kiosk & benches are too much	May need one or two items from Concept 2
			Short visits	Not enough upkeeps/ maintenance	Needs more trials
			Mrs. White's preference?	No bathroom facilities	Access to pond maintained
			Less human use is better for wildlife		No benches, some benches (divided opinion)
			Keeps maximum naturalist		
			Minimizes outside visitors		
			No picnic tables		
		Concept 2	Added gardens	Picnic tables draws visitors	Considerations for handicapped
			Kiosk is a plus	Kiosk preferable to orientation bldg	Community input on kiosk design
			Expanded trails		
		Concept 3		Much more maintenance required	
5	Kelly Davis	Concept 1	Minimum impact	Parking	Sign- no peeing in bushes
			Vegetative screening	No restrooms	No dogs allowed
			25 parking spaces	No water	limited hrs.
				Expansion goes against Mrs. White's vision	
			Easier to add to or expand	No development of gardens allowed	
			Least invasive		
			Lowest cost in terms of maintenance		
			Least impact to nature		
		Concept 2	Expansion of gardens	Bathrooms-don't need	Concept 1 most preferred, then Concept 2
			Horticultural programs	Small orientation bldg	
			Restrooms	Picnic tables	
			Perimeter Trail	Expansion of gardens	
				Too much parking	
				Orientation bldg-unstaffed	
				Too large impact on nature	
6	Irish Grandfield	Concept 1	Less traffic- neighborhood & park	Lack bathroom / water fountain	Enhance pond

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			Keep natural plants & wildlife intact	No 24 hr. person / little value added	ADA issues
			Caretaker	Too few traits	Use organic gardening
			Barn stabilization	Kiosk	Add perimeter trails
			See all signs	Too limited	Enhance barn
				Too restrictive	Add restroom, water fountain
		Concept 2	Additional gardens	Orientation bldg	Wanted 1 bathroom - minimal impact w/ water fountains
			Picnic tables	Don't add programs- tours/ nature/ guided walks	
			Woodland trail perimeter	Picnic tables	
			Water fountains/ bathroom		
		Concept 3	Restore barn	Overkill with increase programs, traffic, bldg, too much activity	Don't do it
7	Andi Dorlester	Concept 1	Low budget impact	25 parking spaces seems like a lot	Smaller-more parking areas
			Keeps use down to protect the natural resources themselves	Don't like the drive in park idea	Could this be a walk in park only, no parking
			Keep traffic down		Decide entrance before use of park
			Least disruptive to the nature that exists		
		Concept 2	Interpretive walks - could be added to Concept 1	Don't like picnic tables or picnic areas	Need cost estimates to consider use
			Caretaker cottage use as program site	Trash is issue w/ picnicing	Keep parking lot in center of property
			additional gardens		
		Concept 3	None	amplification for ceremonies is problem	runoff - no asphalt
				Weddings- noise	Caretaker as source of information
8	Meghan Fellows	Concept 1	Low impact	No bathrooms	Adding plant sales on site
			Low traffic	No opportunity for revenue generating	Parking for 25 can be gravel, not paved
			Less parking	Barn is not utilized as a historic structure	
			Least expensive to maintain	No water fountain	
			Someone living there		
		Concept 2	Updating gardens	Public restrooms costly	Weddings only/ no receptions
			Bathrooms	More people use park	Updating barn
			Perimeter walking trail	More traffic/ parking	Restoration of barn
			Someone living there and offices, minimal programs	No picnic tables/ no event forming	Some additional amenities, but worried about cost
			Seating		Casual groups/ children programming
		Concept 3	Greenhouse and plant propagation	Infrastructure is already available at Green Spring	Leave as natural as possible
				Visitor Center	New gardens can go anywhere
				Overdeveloped	Remove dangerous bldgs
9	Sherry Frear	Concept 1	Barn stabilization/ building preservation	Underutilizes the facilities especially caretaker house	Minimal taxpayer impact
			Fact of caretaker's residence	No equip. storage bldg	Provide maintenance
			Signs		Use barn for storage

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					1 member suggested no develop. or public use at all
		Concept 2	Path expansion	Not so much parking	Use residence for restrooms
			Perimeter path	Orientation bldg, certainly as sited	
			New gardens	Addition of bldgs	
				No picnic tables - change nature of park	
		Concept 3	See 1 + 2	Overuse/ changes nature	public facility
				Attracts too much traffic	
				All additional uses are "minuses"	
				No additional bldgs	
10	Sandy Stallman	Concept 1	Minimalist retains original intent, impact to property & surrounding areas	Caretaker on site, may take over and be nuisance to neighbors	Other options could be added via a phased approach
			Minimalist approach in spirit of Mrs. White's original intent		Can property be redeeded to be park authority HQ?
			Caretaker on site, may provide oversight, and reduce crime		Limit park access to certain times of day or certain times of year
					Overall park lighting impacting general quietness of neighborhood
		Concept 2		Orientation bldg is not liked	Concept 2 is disliked as more invasive than #1
				Don't like trait use of bldg	May not need nature quiet zone
					May leave trail as is, undeveloped, until parks usage warrants it
					May increase size of pond
		Concept 3			Concept 3 is disliked, entirely too invasive
11	Lynn Tadlock	Concept 1	House as caretaker's home only		Expand gardens - specialty plants
			Stabilize barn		Native tree arboretum in meadow
			Add equip. storage bldg		Leave woodlands as a bird sanctuary
			Keep/maintain trails as they are		Keep/use barn for storage
			Put benches for rest		
			Self-guided tours; interpretive kiosk		
			Lawn area as a meadow		
			Install screening & signs		
			Self-directed, casual experience		
			No visitor amenities		
			25 parking spaces		
			30 visitors/day		
		Concept 2	Extremely limited use of residence might	Dual use (residence/garden programs)	
			Gardens ok	Picnic tables	
			Expanded trail (unpaved)	No small orientation bldg	
				No linkage	
				No 25-40 parking sp. Lot	
		Concept 3		General opposition to all aspects of this concept especially enlarged parking lot	

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12	Clare Kiley	Concept 1	Minimal impact		Add bathrooms - green bathrooms
					Add minimal classes/ possible local groups/ doing hort. Center
					Perimeter path
		Concept 2	Offers more choices	Is there a need- does GS not fill need?	
		Concept 3	It already exists in GS and Hidden Oaks	Too much impact	
13	Kirk Holley/ Keli Garman	Concept 1	Integrity of property as Margaret kept it	There isn't going to be visitorship- you wouldn't envision as a park	Concept 1 1/2
			Small and keeping things the way they are	Negative to next ring of neighbors- minimize availability	Upgrade gardens, new gardens
			Maintain character of neighborhood	No restroom	
			Minimize impact to neighborhood	Can't have meetings that are there now	
			Maintain plan, keep horticultural space		
			Not busy, used for meditation		
		Concept 2	New gardens	New buildings	Take out orientation bldg
			More to offer/ a little bit more to offer		Provide restrooms, and mtg space in house
			Perimeter path		
		Concept 3		Taking away hort. Space	
				Too much development	

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3	Jim Pomeroy/ Liz Crowell	Pros	Used as utility entrance only	Possible pedestrian entrance	Existing trail to use as pedestrian entrance	Large cul-de-sac	Good overflow parking at Sleepy Hollow Elementary	Goldsboro	Princess A.	Kerns	
			Fire trucks, etc.		Already a main road	Fire hydrant	No widening			Horseman	
			Parking area only near residence		Traffic control	No tree destruction needed	Sidewalks				
					Small parking lot	Pedestrian walkway	Least disruptive to trees & plantings				
							Turning lanes, traffic control				
		Cons	Old growth trees	Private property	Heavily traffic	Small pond	Not direct route				
			Plantings	Old growth	Private property						
			No cul-de-sac	Wildlife	Old growth						
4	Cindy Brown	Pros				Helps to get rid of that pond	Road already in existence	Goldsboro	Princess A.	All five	
		Cons					Goldsboro rd neighborhood objections				
5	Kelly Davis	Pros	Natural entrance-existing entrance	Not as much widening	Least impact		Road there	Kerns Goldsboro	Kerns Princess A.	Princess A.	
			Good handicap access	impact vs. Princess Anne	Slow road		Lowest cost			Kerns	
			Existing EMS access		Low costs		Access is good			Horseman	
					project -can handle high capacity		Underground utilities			Goldsboro	
					No obstruction of view from house		Cul-de-sac at end				
					Good choice		Left turn lane				
							No line of sight problems				
							Supervisors can give land back to park				
		Cons	Loss of 200 yr. old trees on road not site	Loss of vegetation	Impact on better horticulture	Pond impact	26 children/grandchildren				
			Changes entrance character	Loss of homeowner's yards	Line of sight poor visibility	Ecological impact/ disaster	100+ children crossing Sleepy Hollow Rd + SHES				

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			No accomodation to traffic changes to Holloman/ Annandale	Problem w/ right of way on Hawthorne		Access via Kennedy	Multiple hearings to get land back from county. How long will this take?				
			Ruin character of entrance			Access via Sleepy Hollow	Adding to traffic problems				
			Take out trees on site, azaleas				Too long of road on site, could be problem				
			Diminish value of site								
			Changes character of entire St.								
			High cost option								
6	Irish Grandfield	Pros						Goldsboro	Princess A.	Princess A.	7 vote- 2 lots
		Cons	Concern: destroy character of neighborhood & property				Legal concerns			Kernns	5 vote-1 lot
			Destroy trees, larger effect on park							Goldsboro	no big vehicle
											location - uncertain
7	Andi Dorlester	Pros						Goldsboro Kerns (tie)	Kerns	Princess A	
		Cons					Soccer players from Sleepy Hollow School could potentially drive to park and drink			Kerns	
										Goldsboro	
										Horseman	
8	Meghan Fellows	Pros	Existing entrance		Next cheap		Wide enough	Goldsboro	Kerns	Princess A.	No parking lot should be paved
					Already thorough		Cheapest			Kerns	Bluestone w/ trees
					Lower impact in the neighborhood		Most sense			Goldsboro	Lots of trees
					Slow speed		Never quality trees			Horseman	
							Straight line of sight				
							Left turn lane				
							Keep away from gardens				
		Cons	Widen entrance drive	High impact to neighbors	Get more traffic in park	Impact to pond					

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			High impact to neighbors	High cost	Gated like at G.S.	Drive through more neighbor. Streets					
			High cost		Cost of tree removal						
9	Sherry Frear	Pros			Appear to be least impact		Least cost	Goldsboro	Kerns (tie)	Princess A.	
					Least cost		Existing structure			Rolfs	
		Cons	Destruction of trees	Destruction of trees	Destruction of trees	Pond destruction				Kerns	
										Horseman	
										Goldsboro	
10	Sandy Stallman	Pros	Current entrance exists		Already larger road w/ spread humps & lights		Already has sidewalks	Kerns		Princess A.	
			Area near entrance is flat, -easier to improve		Relatively small # of houses to acquire right of way		Road already wide enough			Kerns	
					High traffic already					Horseman	
					Could put parking lot near entrance to reduce road bldg					Goldsboro	
		Cons	Not build to VDOT standards	Same as Princess Anne	High grade to account	Adds to overall cut thru on Kennedy, Holloman, Annandale	School across				
			of way of existing properties to	be acquired and	May impact main garden	change to existing traffic	Already has traffic impact				
			Reducing yards & trees			Pond issue					
			Number of homes is small so % change is high								
			Surrounding roads will increase in volume as well								
			Left turn lane added on Annandale								
11	Lynn Tadlock	Pros			Most heavily travelled	Cul-de-sac	Cheapest	Kerns (8 votes)	No consensus	Princess A.	

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